

Appl. No. 09/479,952
Amdt. dated December 29, 2003
Reply to Office Action of October 1, 2003

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 6-18, and 20-30 were pending in this application. No claims have been amended, added, or canceled. Hence, claims 1-4, 6-18, and 20-30 remain pending. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 9, 14, 23, 28, and 29, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kennedy.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10-13, 15-18, 20-22, 25-2, and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,535,743 to Kennedy, III, *et al.* (hereinafter "Kennedy"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because Kennedy does not teach all the claim limitations. For example, claim 1 includes "inserting a priority indicator into the header of a packetized announcement indicating high priority for the packetized announcement ... and processing the packetized announcement immediately for receipt by the destination in real-time." Applicants are unable to locate where Kennedy teaches or suggests these limitations as stated by the office action. Thus, claim 1 is believed to be allowable at least for this reason. If the rejection of claim 1 is maintained on these same grounds, the Applicants request that the anticipatory teachings of Kennedy be pointed out with greater specificity. Claim 15 includes similar limitations and is believed to be allowable for similar reasons.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The remaining claims depend either directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 15 and are believed to be allowable at least for the reasons stated above with respect to these claims.

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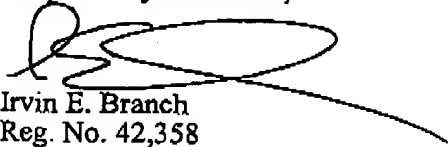
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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